

In re Application of: Allan McLane et al.
Application No.: 10/605,473

Remarks

In the application, claims 58 through 72 are pending. Claims 71 and 72 are allowed.

The Final Office Action dated March 1, 2006, has been carefully considered. The Final Office Action rejects claims 58 through 60, 63, 64, 67, and 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,491,361 (“Burdick”). Claims 58, 61, and 62 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 1,339,284 (“Petry”). Claims 58 and 65 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,769,124 (“Ehrhardt”). Claim 66 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of Ehrhardt and U.S. Patent 6,289,913 (“Babin”). Claims 69 and 70 are rejected as obvious in light of U.S. Patent 2,972,357 (“Ford”) and Burdick. Finally, claims 71 and 72 are allowed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 71 and 72.

In the previous Office Action dated October 4, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of its antecedent claims (in this case, independent claim 1). The present claim 58 is amended to include all of the limitations of claim 18 and of its antecedent claim 1 as they existed at the time of the Office Action of October 4, 2005. Dependent claims 59 through 70 are rewritten versions of some of the claims that originally depended, directly or indirectly, from original claim 1.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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